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Cut in Supply of Coal
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the power companies are not in a position to take any additional coal and have requested to cut supplies of coal to them;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) the estimated stock of surplus coal in the country; and
(d) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER, NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES
(PIYUSH GOYAL)
(a) & (b): As the Power Plants had opening coal stock of 38.87 MT on 01.04.2016, they preferred to consume coal from their stocks. Owing to their comfortable stock position, some power plants had occasionally regulated coal supply in the beginning of 2016-17. As on 23.01.2017, the coal stock of Thermal Power Plants has declined to 21.16 M, that is equivalent to requirement of 15 days.

(c) & (d): As on 23.01.2017, the vendible coal stock of CIL is 46.776 MT (Provisional). Coal supplies to Power Utility sector is monitored regularly by an Inter-Ministerial Sub-Group comprising representatives of Ministry of Power, Ministry of Coal, Shipping, NITI, CIL, CEA, NTPC and Ministry of Railways constituted by the Infrastructure Review Committee of Cabinet Secretariat. This Sub-Group takes various operational decisions for meeting any contingent situations relating to Power sector including critical coal stock position for power plants. For liquidation of coal stock, many steps including the following have been taken by coal company. Coal is offered under various e-auction schemes for power sector and non-power sector consumers, reserve price for auction has been reduced, "As is where is" scheme for power utility sector, where coal lifting is by consumers through their own logistics, has been extended for 2016-17, higher grades of coal (G1 to G5) and cost plus mines of WCL have been excluded from calculation of Performance Incentive.

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